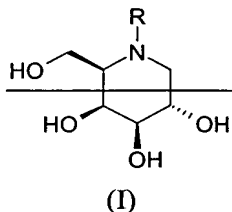


ABSTRACT**PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES AS GCS INHIBITORS**

Compounds of formula (I):



wherein R represents various substituent groups, are useful as inhibitors of glucosylceramide synthase

The present invention relates to novel piperidine derivatives that are useful as inhibitors of glucosylceramide synthase (GCS) for use in the treatment and prevention of diseases or disorders mediated by GCS, including cancer, infectious diseases, neuronal disorders or injury and inflammatory diseases. The invention further relates to the pharmaceutical composition comprising the novel piperidine derivatives and methods for preparing the same.